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Rome, Febr. 19. *N. S.*

A Congregation of State met the 13th Instant, in which it was resolved to Augment the new Levies, that are making for the Security of the Ecclesiastical State, to 1000 Horse, and 6000 Foot. The Pope has given Order for the Payment of 500000 Crowns towards defraying this and other Publick Expences. Commissions are dispatched for raising these Forces; And Count *Martelli de Fermo*, who formerly served the Emperor in *Hungary* as General of *Battalia*, is appointed by the Pope to Command them. The Imperial Ambassador had Audience this week of the Pope, and he continues his Instances to obtain the Investiture of the Kingdoms of *Naples* and *Sicily* for the Emperor; Cardinal *Janssen* who manages the Affairs of *France*, and the *Spanish* Ambassador, do on the other hand demand it with great Earnestness for the King of *Spain*; but the Pope avoids declaring for either side.

Milan, Febr. 16. There are now 17 *French* Battalions in the *Milaneze*, making about 8000 Men, and more are landed in the Territories of *Genoua*, and at *Final*; and when these arrive, there will be about 16000 *French* Foot in this Country; Their Horse marches hither through *Piedmont*, the Duke of *Savoy* having granted them Passage. Detachments of the *French* Troops are sent to *Varesio* upon the Frontiers of *Swisserland*, and to *Trezzo* and *Cassano*, to secure the Passes. Complaints are made to our Governor of Disorders committed by the *French* Soldiers at *Como* and *Casal-maggiore*; and several Quarrels have happened between the *French* and *Spanish* Soldiers in their Quarters. The Prince of *Vaudemont* has lately received from *Spain* a Remittance of 70000 Crowns, of which 40000 Crowns are sent to *Swisserland*, to pay the Arrears due to the *Swiss* Forces which were formerly in the Service of this State.

Genoua, Febr. 19. Several *French* Transport Ships with Soldiers from *Provence*, appeared off this Place two days ago, and we hear they are put into *Vado*, where they will Land, and march to *Milan*; and more are daily expected. The Senate have appointed Signior *Ambrosio Imperiali*, as Commissary-General, to take care that the necessary Provision be made for these Forces in their March through the Territories of *Genoua*.

Venice, Febr. 26 This Republick continue their Levies, and other Preparations, in order to provide for their Security in the present Juncture of Affairs. A good quantity of Ammunition was sent from hence the last week to *Verona*, and other Places of *Terra-firma*, and the Companies of Foot lately arrived from *Dalmatia*, are marched thither. The Duke of *Mantua* is gone to *Mantua*, to put that Place into the best Posture of Defence he can. The Cardinal *d'Estrees* continues his Conferences with the Deputies of the Senate; 'Tis said, the Count *de Tesse* is coming hither from *Milan* to confer with him. Signior *Grimani* is shortly expected from *Dalmatia*, having finished his Negociation with the *Turkish* Commissioner, for settling the Limits between the Territories of this State and those of the Grand Signior.

Dantzick, Febr. 26. They write from *Conings-berg*, that the Sieur *Towianski*, Envoy of *Poland*, is returned home from thence. The King of *Prussia* has ordered a Levy to be made in *Prussia* of 11000 Men. Letters from *Courland* say, the King of *Poland* was at *Birtzen*, where the Czar of *Muscovy* was shortly expected, to confer with him about making a Peace with *Sweden*, or else to enter into farther Measures for carrying on the War. Duke *Ferdinand* of *Courland* was gone from *Mittaw* to wait upon the King at *Birtzen*.

Vienna, Febr. 26. The Van-Guard of the Imperial Forces designed for *Italy*, are arrived in the Country of *Tirol*, being about 8000 Men, with Orders to secure the Passes on that side; The rest of the Troops follow, the whole Army being to consist of 37000 Men; and Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, with the General Officers who are to serve under him, will be going thither in few days. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has accepted the Command of the Imperial Army on the *Rhine*, where the Emperor intends to have in a short time 25000 Men of his own Forces, and 21000 of the neighbouring Circles; Lieutenant-General *Zante* is ordered to go from hence in 2 or 3 days, to draw together such of these Forces as march from the Hereditary Countries, and to Command them till Prince *Lewis* arrives. The Cardinal *de Lamberg*, the Emperor's First Commissioner at the Imperial Diet, went from this Place two days ago to his Bishoprick of *Passau*, and intends after the *Easter* Holidays to go to *Ratisbonne*. The Count *de Paar*, whom the Emperor has named to go with the Character of his Envoy Extraordinary to Compliment the King of *Prussia*, is on his departure, as is likewise the Count *de Trautsmandorf*, Ambassador from the Emperor to the Cantons of *Swisserland*.

Francfort, March 6. The Diets of the Circles of *Suabia* and *Franconia* have resolved to Recruit their Forces. They write from *Strasburgh*, that the *French* are raising Troops in those Parts, and oblige all the Country People above 22 years old, to cast Lots who shall go into the Service. The 28th past, the Chapter of *Strasburgh* made Choice of the Prince and Abbot of *Soubize* to be Coadjutor of that Bishoprick.

Brussels, March 11. *N. S.* On the 9th Instant Orders were dispatched to *Luxemburgh* to permit the five *Dutch* Battalions to march out of that Garrison, which they are to do one Battalion a day. The *French* Forces move towards the *Spanish Guelderland*; Magazines are provided for them